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SUBJECT: PRESS TREATMENT ON VANCE RETURN TO MIDDLE EAST:
- "LAST ATTEMPT" TO SAVE THE PEACE

SUMMARY. CAIRO PRESS IS ALMOST TOTALLY PREOCCUPIED WITH
SECRETARY'S TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST. MAIN THEMES ARE THAT
NEGOTIATING PROCESS IS NOW AT A "CRITICAL POINT", THAT
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VANCE MISSION IS A "LAST ATTEMPT" TO SAVE THE PEACE, AND
THAT RESUMPTION OF TALKS ARE NOT AN END IN THEMSELVES BUT
MUST LEAD TO LASTING AND HONORABLE PEACE. AHRAH EDITORIAL
CALLS UPON U.S. TO DEFINE ITS STAND CLEARLY AND SHOULD
ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO SAVE THE PEACE PROCESS. END
SUMMARY.

1. PEACE PROCESS AT CRITICAL STAGE. AHRAM AUGUST 5 HEADLINES STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO VANCE (DURING CLOSED-DOOR CONGRESSIONAL HEARING) THAT THE PEACE TALKS ARE NOW AT A "CRITICAL POINT" AND THAT THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO MAKE PROPOSALS TO NARROW DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES IN ORDER TO REGAIN THE MOMENTUM TOWARDS PEACE. AKHBAR ALSO GIVES ITS TOP FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO SECRETARY'S TRIP, DESCRIBING MISSION AS "LAST ATTEMPT" TO SAVE PEACE. PRESS DESCRIBES VANCE MISSION AS TAKING PLACE AMID "AIR OF PESSIMISM" IN REGION. ONE LEAD DECLARES OBSERVERS EXPECT CAIRO TO BE MORE HARDLINED IF VANCE FAILS TO CHANGE BEGIN'S ATTITUDE.

2. NEED TO MOVE NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD. AHRAM'S DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, HAMDI FUAD, STRESSES EGYPT'S POSITION THAT TALKS ARE NOT AN END IN THEMSELVES BUT SHOULD BE A WAY TO ACHIEVE PEACE. FUAD CLAIMS VANCE WAS INSTRUCTED BY CARTER TO URGE ISRAEL TO TAKE MORE POSITIVE STEPS ON ISSUES OF LAND AND WITHDRAWAL. VANCE'S AIM IN ALEXANDRIA WILL BE TO CONCENTRATE ON RESUMPTION OF CONTACTS. (IN AN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO MISQUOTATION CARRIED IN ARABIC PRESS THAT SECRETARY SAID SADAT'S MOVES CONSTITUTED AN OBSTACLE TO PEACE, FUAD NOTES U.S. HAS INFORMED EGYPTIANS OFFICIALLY THAT VANCE DID NOT MAKE ANY REMARK RELATING TO PRESIDENT SADAT'S STATEMENT OF LAST SUNDAY.)

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3. SUMMIT SPECULATION. AHRAM CARRIES REPORT, ATTRIBUTED TO "POLITICAL CIRCLES," THAT ONE OF OPTIONS SECRETARY WILL BE CARRYING WITH HIM IS AN INVITATION FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO BEGIN AND SADAT TO HOLD A SUMMIT MEETING IN WASHINGTON IN ORDER TO PREVENT A TOTAL BREAKDOWN IN PEACE PROCESS. (AHRAM ALSO CARRIES REPORT THAT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN NEITHER CONFIRMED NOR DENIED THIS STORY.)

4. U.S. ROLE. AHRAM EDITORIAL WELCOMES VANCE BUT REPEATS WARNING THAT TALKS ARE NOT END IN THEMSELVES. IT ASKS WHAT WILL BE U.S. STAND IN FACE OF BEGIN GOVERNMENT'S REJECTION OF PEACE EFFORTS. USG CALLED UPON TO DEFINE ITS STAND CLEARLY AND TO SHOULDER ITS FULL RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS SALVAGING THE SITUATION.

5. COMMENT: EGYPTIAN PRESS IS BEING SKILLFULLY ORCHESTRATED BY GOE. IT MANAGES TO CONVEY SIMULTANEOUS THEMES OF HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF U.S., EGYPTIAN DETERMINATION NOT TO PURSUE STERILE AND UNPRODUCTIVE NEGOTIATIONS, AND INSISTENCE THAT THE DOOR REMAINS OPEN TO CONTINUED DIRECT TALKS IF THEY CAN BE CARRIED OUT ON THE BASIS OF LONG-HELD U.S. POSITIONS. FONOFF UNDERSECRETARY OSAMA EL BAZ

(WHO HAS DONE MUCH OF THE PRESS BACKGROUNDING) TOLD
DEPARTING AND ARRIVING POL COUNSELORS THIS MORNING THAT
HE HAS TRIED HARD TO MAKE CLEAR IN HIS BRIEFINGS THAT,
WHILE PEACE PROCESS IS AT A CRITICAL JUNCTURE, SADAT'S
INITIATIVE CONTINUES UNABATED. EILTS

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